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PREWET



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Enclosed are copies of Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings showing the following proposed amendment to Figures 1 and 2 in red ink. Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to include the legend "Prior Art."

Corrected formal drawings are supplied with this Response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 13, 19, 22, ~~24, 28, 32, 37, 42, 44, 48, 58~~ and 61 by substituting the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

13. (Twice Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a solvent dispense head in fluid communication with a source of a photo resist solution and in fluid communication with a solvent source containing a solvent that includes diacetone alcohol and aliphatic ester, wherein a ratio of the diacetone alcohol and aliphatic ester ranges between 10% ester and 90% alcohol to 30% ester and 70% alcohol; and

a rotatable wafer-holding mechanism; and

a logic control unit [adapted for executing] to execute a process to coat a wafer, wherein the process comprises: